## ABSTRACT

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A process for depositing a solid (B) proceeds by targeted thermal decomposition of a gaseous substance (A). The substance (A) has a higher density than the gaseous product (C) formed during the decomposition. In the process, a device is used which has a cup (1), the base (1.1) of which is oriented in the direction of the force of gravity (g) and the opening region (1.2) of which is oriented in the opposite direction to the force of gravity (g). The cup (1) can be heated directly or indirectly by a heating, temperature-measuring and control unit (3.3). The device further contains a substance-adding unit (2) with substance feedline (3.1) and metering unit (3.2), the substance-adding unit (2) being oriented with the substance outlet (2.1) in the direction of the force of gravity (g) and projecting into the free volume of the cup (1) between the base (1.1) and opening 15 region (1.2). The device also has a reactor casing (3) and an outlet (3.6) for gaseous product (C). The process and device are used, for example, to produce bodies of high-purity polycrystalline silicon in ingot form by controlled thermal decomposition of monosilane.